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AUTO MINISTRY, PLANTS CRITICIZED;  
NEW PRODUCTS, METHODS REPORTED

MINISTRY BLAMED FOR AUTO PLANT'S LAG -- Zarya Vostoka, No 176, 8 Sep 49

The Kutaisi Auto Plant is producing many more parts for the ZIS-150 truck than it did last year. On the other hand, the plant is falling far behind on its spare parts output commitments. While the plant is meeting its plan objectives, it is doing so with the greatest difficulty. The proportion of reject castings is inexcusably high; work stoppages due to poor organization are frequent. The Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry must bear much of the blame for this situation in that it has failed to supply the plant on schedule with the materials it needs.

MISMANAGEMENT, CRAFT CHARGED -- Trud, No 207, 2 Sep 49

On 22 April 1948, the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Automobiles and Tractor Workers' Trade Union established that an unsatisfactory situation existed in the Podol'sk Storage Battery Plant with respect to working conditions, and indicated measures toward its elimination. Periodic examination of the reports of the plant administration to the Trade Union's Committee for Workers' Protection over a period of 9 months failed to show any improvement. At the trade Union's fourth congress, a delegate demanded an investigation, but Blinov, chairman of the Central Committee of the Trade Union, considered that unnecessary, assuring the assembly that he was keeping tabs on the situation.

Taking advantage of the absence of control, the management proceeded to squander the funds assigned for improvement of working conditions. Chief Engineer Konstantinov and some of his subordinates are accused of mishandling 20,000 rubles for personal gain.

The conditions prevailing in the plant were discussed again by the Presidium in August 1949, but Shkadretsov, chief of Glavavtoelektroprigor, failed to appear before the Presidium. The situation remains unsatisfactory.

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NEW TRUCK DUMPS IN 15 SECONDS -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 212, 3 Sep 49

The automobile industry is increasing the output of dump trucks. The Mytishchi Machine-Building Plant is assembling the 3.5-ton ZIS-585 dump truck, which is based on the new ZIS-150 truck. The Mytishchi Plant is installing a new type of hydraulic dumping mechanism which makes it possible to drop a full load in 12-15 seconds. Thousands of new dump trucks are already working in construction projects.

CHILL CASTING CUTS COSTS -- Kommunist Tadzhikstana, No 167, 26 Aug 49

Bushings for small-vehicle axles are now made in the Stalinabad "Metallo-shirpotreb" Plant by chill casting. It now costs only 39 kopeks to produce one bushing, where it formerly cost 3 rubles 10 kopeks. Secondary materials, which cost 16 rubles, are no longer needed, and the manufacturing time has been cut more than 95 percent.

Over 3,000 sleeves have been produced by the new method.

NEW ELECTRIC TRUCKS MORE ECONOMICAL -- Kommunist, No 200, 25 Aug 49

The Automotive Scientific Research Institute has run road tests on a new electromobile with a capacity of 0.5-1.5. Maximum speed is 33-36 kilometers per hour. Trucking on this vehicle is 15-20 percent cheaper than on internal-combustion trucks.

PLANT STARTS PRODUCTION OF ALL-STEEL CABS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 211, 5 Sep 49

The Automobile Plant imeni Stalin has recently converted to the manufacture of all-steel cabs for trucks. The assembly sections have received complex electric welding equipment and several new conveyors. Output of old-fashioned cabs has stopped.

DENY ZIS MAKE LIGHT AUTOS -- Stanki i instrument, No 6, 1 Jun 49

Contrary to statements made by Candidate of Technical Sciences V. I. Trapitsyn in his book, Avtomaticheskiye stantsionnye linii v mashinostroyenii (Automatic Machine Transfer Lines in Machine Building), low-capacity automobiles have never been and are not now being manufactured at the Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin.

PLANT REDESIGNED FOR REPAIR OF MOSKOVICH AUTOMOBILES -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 213, 9 Sep 49

Plant No 4 is being remodeled in Moscow for the repair of privately owned Moskvich automobiles. Body, tire-fitting, galvanizing, electrical painting and other shops are being built.

Complete redesigning of the plant will be finished in 1950. However, repair of automobiles has already started.

HITS 1950 RATE -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 212, 8 Sep 49

The Moscow Auto Plant imeni Stalin has reached the level of production planned for 1950.

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PLANT TRIPLES PRODUCTION -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 211, 7 Sep 49

The L'vov Truck-Loader Plant has successfully converted to conveyer-belt assembly. Production in August was three times that of June. Truck loaders built at the L'vov plant are in service in Moscow, Leningrad, Arkhangel'sk and Odessa construction projects.

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL TO OPEN AT AUTO PLANT -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 173, 31 Aug 49

An affiliate of the Moscow Correspondence Institute of the Metal Industry will be opened in the new school year at the Belorusskiy Automobile Plant.

To date 26 persons have completed entrance examinations and have been enrolled as students.

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